

Montana Professional Engineers Hall of Fame

Wilbur J. Bennington, A.I.A., P.E.

Montana Professional License Number 1035E

- * Served in the United States Navy (1944-1946).
- * Montana State University – B.S. Degree, Architectural Engineering, 1950.
- * Structural Engineer for CTA Architects Engineers (1950-1980); Served as Engineer, Principal, Managing Partner, Chairman and Executive Director. CTA began as Cushing and Terrell in 1938 and provided both architectural and engineering services. Mr. Bennington was the only staff engineer until 1967. By 1980 the firm grew to 60 design professionals. Today CTA has 350 employees working in sixteen branch offices.
- * Structural Engineer and/or supervised engineering for Billings Logan Field Airport Control Tower (1959) and Observation Deck (1964); MSU-Billings Physical Education Building and Alterowitz Gym (1960), Library (1966), and Liberal Arts Building (1968); Rocky Mountain College Student Union Building (1960); MSU Wilson Hall (1973) and Leon Johnson Hall (1974); Hardin High School (1959); Laurel High School (1962); Ryan Grocery Billings Warehouse (1966); Butte St. James Hospital (1963); Helena St. Peter's Hospital (1965); Billings Deaconess Hospital (1959); Billings St. Vincent Hospital Addition (1964); Missoula Community Hospital (1970); Billings Atonement Lutheran Church (1963); Billings Main Post Office (1973); and Billings Yellowstone METRA (1975).
- * Hired, trained, and supervised structural, mechanical, electrical, and civil engineers during major growth period for CTA (1965-1973). Taught and promoted organizational, leadership, and management skills; fairness and professionalism; quality control; and completeness of calculations.
- * Oversaw both architectural and engineering services as CTA Chairman and Executive Director (1976-1980). CTA completed numerous projects throughout the region including the Hospital and High School in Homer, Alaska; Schools in Torrington, Riverton, and Newcastle, Wyoming; Husky Oil Office Building in Cody, Wyoming; Billings College of Technology; College of Southern Idaho; Boise, Idaho VA Hospital; and Lewistown Hospital.
- * Consultant to the Montana Board of Architects for seismic design (1965-1973).
- * Recognized as a technical leader in double-wythe reinforced brick masonry mid-rise design, driven and injected foundation systems, structural steel design, and structural concrete systems.
- * Initiated CTA's Peer Review Type Management, gaining insight from national firms outside the region and hiring management consultants to improve operations, organization, and quality of services. He was the catalyst for CTA's emergence as a regional service provider with a national presence.
- * Member of National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE); Montana Society of Engineers (MSE); American Concrete Institute (ACI); and Professional Services Management Association (PSMA).

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